

CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET

REGISTRATION, PURSUIT, AND STATISTICAL SERVICE

APPENDIX A

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE June 2 1986

FULL NAME William Burke Cope SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER [REDACTED]
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

ADDRESS [REDACTED]

CITY DARRIS STATE CALIFORNIA ZIP CODE 94022

DATE OF BIRTH 7/37 (This is important and should be exact)

APPROXIMATE AGE 49 (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)

RELIGION ? NATIONALITY ?

OCCUPATION CUSTODIAN

EDUCATION ?

WEIGHT 150 HEIGHT 5'9" RACE WHITE

COLOR OF HAIR BROWN COLOR OF EYES

OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS OUTDOORS + CRAFTS

MARRIED OR SINGLE Married CHILDREN [REDACTED]
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

NAME OF SPOUSE [REDACTED]

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

UNIT #	CITY	STATE	POSITION	DATE REGISTERED	DATE RESIGNED
T-70	DARRIS	CALIFORNIA	SCOUTMASTER	1/85	6/7/85

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

SUSPENDED OR DENIED REGISTRATION FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

VIOLATION OF SECTION 273(a)(2) OF CALIFORNIA PENAL CODE

SPECIFY THE FACTS WHICH LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF REGISTRATION AND LIST ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (STATE ONLY KNOWN FACTS, NOT RUMOR, CONJECTURE OR SPECULATION):

NEWSPAPER ARTICLES AND HIS ATTORNEY LETTER

TARON

JUN 6 1986

NOTED

SEP 02 '86

JOSEPH L. ANGLIM

Signed Don L. T. [Signature]
SCOUT EXECUTIVE20-508
4-14/82-nah

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September 4, 1986

Mr. Daniel L. Woolner
Scout Executive
Modoc Area Council, No. 494

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: William Burke Cope

Dear Dan:

Thank you for the detailed information concerning the above Scouter. We have reviewed this case with our Attorney and have now placed this man on the Confidential File.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration, Subscription &
Statistical Service

eko

cc: Western Region

SEP 4 1986

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WATS CALL FORM

CALL BACK REQUESTED _____

COUNCIL #

PHONE NO:

CALLER: MRS. COPE
DORRIS, CA.

POSITION:

TYPE OF PROBLEM _____

REGISTRATION _____

VETERANS _____

EXPLORING _____

SCOUTING _____

BOYS' LIFE _____

UNIT #

DIST. #

EXP. DATE

TRANSMITTAL #

FILM #



WAITED HUSBAND REINSTATED

I SUGGESTED AN APPEAL LETTER

BE SENT TO CNCL. PRES

NAME

Pearl

DATE

9-3-86

TIME

R/S-433

3/13/86-clf-567r

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D. GENE FINK



February 27, 1986

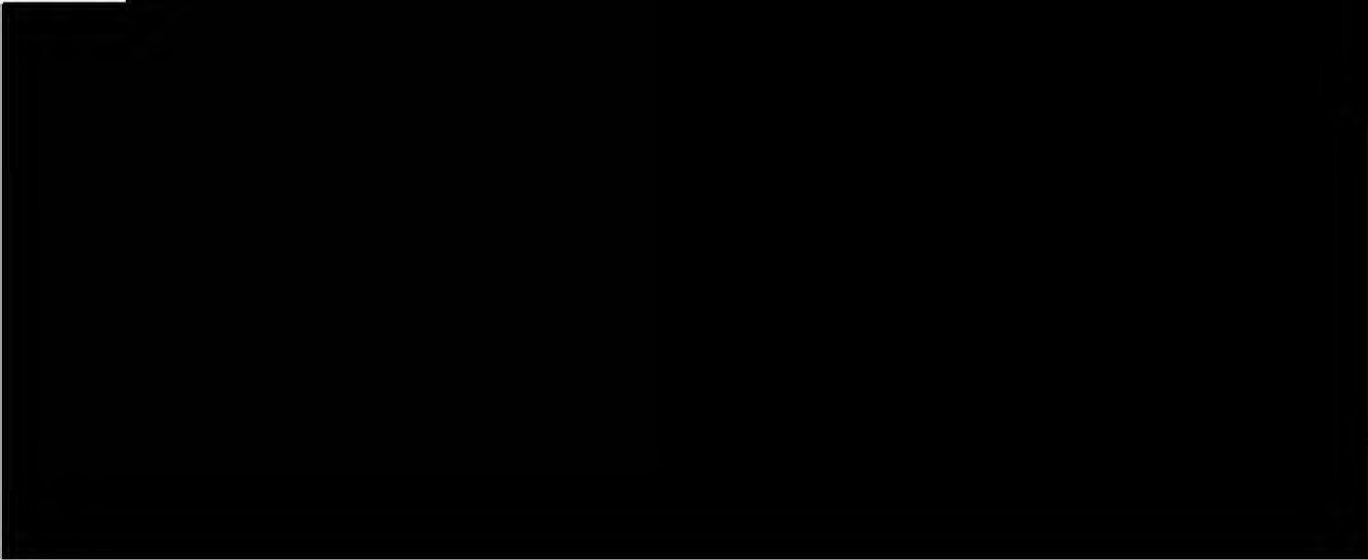
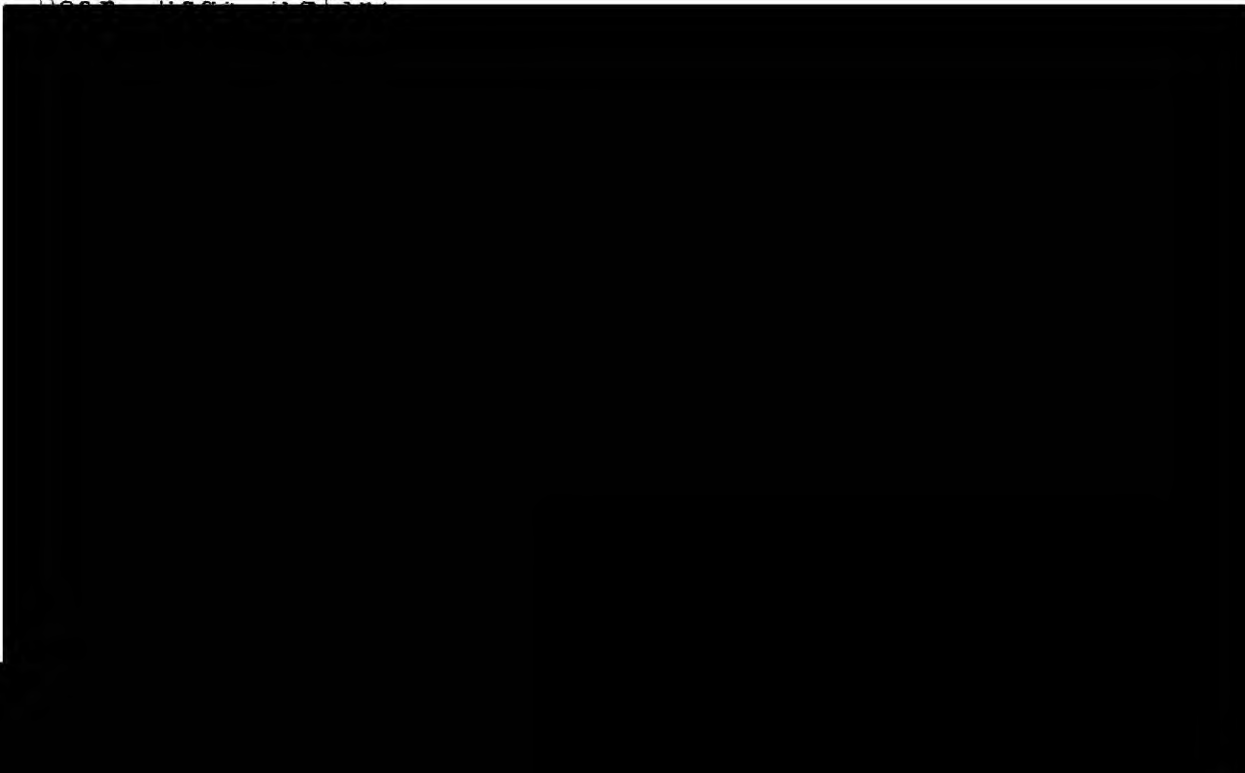
Honorable Ross J. Bigler



Weed, CA 96094

RE: William Burke Cope
Case No. 30A-161

Dear Judge Bigler:



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1986

CONF022979

IN THE JUSTICE COURT, SANTA VALLEY JUDICIAL DISTRICT
JURY ROOM NO. 101, YOU, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Case No.(s) 30A-161

vs
WILLIAM BURKE COPE Defendant

ORDER OF PROBATION
(Informal)

AMENDED COPY

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intendent of schools, said the school board took the only action it could under its policies at this time and that any further action would have to await "due process."

In another matter at Thursday night's school board meeting, Torrigino unveiled next year's proposed budget of some \$2,392,000, up some 7 percent from the current year.

The board also set school calendar date for next year beginning a Sept. 2 first day of school and June 6 completion date. Teachers will start their inservice training Aug. 27.

PAGE 2—HERALD AND NEWS, Klamath Falls, Oregon Thursday, June 20, 1985

Area news briefs

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TALKED
9.6.86
TO 4-5-86
CALLING
INFO

6 494

Called Mr. Woolner - S.E.

William Cope pleaded
guilty to a lesser charge -
"placing a child into
abusive situation."

Parents did not want
to take the 4 y old
child to court.

Mr Cope did not get his
job back with the
school dist. The ~~union~~
union is fighting this
decision.

March 24, 1986

Mr. Daniel L. Woolner
Scout Executive
Nodoc Area Council, No. 494

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: William Burke Cope

Dear Dan:

I was recently given a copy of a letter which you sent to the Risk Management Department of the national office concerning William Burke Cope. Since this involved a problem in registration, it was referred to me so that we could communicate.

According to the information which was sent, we would not wish to register Mr. Cope with the Boy Scouts of America and have him work with youth members. The newspaper articles indicate that he was suspended from his job and had been indicted.

We would like the outcome of any further legal action which has taken place so that we would know whether he was convicted and sentenced for these offenses.

I would certainly suggest that you complete a Confidential Record Sheet, which I am enclosing, so that we are able to identify Mr. Cope should a registration attempt come from any other location. We would also like any other information you might have which would help us to make certain we have a case which will be strong enough to refuse registration attempts.

Please let us know if we may be of help to you.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration, Subscription &
Statistical Service

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Encl.

cc: [unclear]

READY FOR FILE

MAR 25 1986

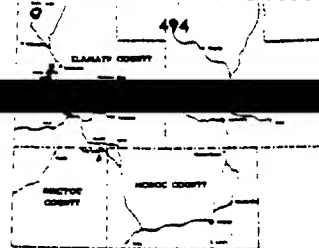
SHIRLEY MEYER

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MODOC AREA COUNCIL

CHARTERED BY CONGRESS



March 16, 1986

Ms. Debbie Duhs, Risk Management
Boy Scouts of America

Irving, Texas 75038-3096

Dear Ms. Duhs:

Enclosed is information we discussed on the phone. We need your advice on how to handle the situation with William Burke Cope. Mr. Cope had served as Scoutmaster on the attached Charter. Please advise as to how we should handle him since he wants to continue his volunteer service.

The other article refers to the murder of Edwin Dyer. Mr. Dyer was removed as a Scoutmaster in January of 1983. We have no idea how he met the youth who shot him, since he was not a Scout. This is for your information only.

Please contact me if you need any additional information pertaining to these problems.

Sincerely,

Daniel L. Woolner

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Scout Executive

DLW:bmc

Encl.

RISK MANAGEMENT

MAR 21 1986

IN THE JUSTICE COURT SEASTA VALLEY JUDICIAL DISTRICT
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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Case No.(s) 30A-161

vs. WILLIAM BURKE COPE Defendant

ORDER OF PROBATION
(Informal)

AMENDED COPY

WHEREAS, on the 23rd day of JANUARY, 19 86, the
defendant appeared before the Court for judgment and sentence, and having been duly arraigned for said purpose
for violation of 273a(2) P.C. and no legal cause being shown why judgment should not
be pronounced, defendant having made application for probation.

IT IS ORDERED THAT (execution of sentence of (imposition of jail sentence)
(imposition of sentence) be suspended and that the defendant be placed on summary probation to this Court for a term of
12 months (1) years from this date on the following terms and conditions imposed on the defendant as indicated by a
check mark in each box below:

- ☒ Obey all laws.
- ☐ PAY A FINE OF \$ _____ (Includes penalty assessment) or serve _____ days in the County Jail.
- ☐ Defendant has paid \$ _____ balance of fine to be paid in installments of \$ _____ beginning
and every month thereafter until paid.
- ☐ SERVE _____ DAYS IN COUNTY JAIL/CREDIT FOR _____ DAYS ALREADY SERVED.
- ☐ To serve the following time in the Siskiyou County Jail:
To Report: _____ To be Released: _____
To Report: _____ To be Released: _____
- ☐ Not to drive a motor vehicle for 60 days. Exception being the defendant may drive to and from work, or
employer's vehicle during employment hours for employment purposes.
- ☐ To contact the Siskiyou County Alcohol Education Program immediately in order to arrange a schedule of classes.
To attend and complete said classes by _____ and pay the
required fee.
- ☐ Not to drive a motor vehicle until legally licensed in the State of California.
- ☐ NO DRIVING OF A MOTOR VEHICLE AFTER CONSUMPTION OF ANY ALCOHOL - WHATSOEVER.
- ☐ SUBMIT DRIVERS LICENSE TO THE COURT SUSPENDED FOR _____ MONTHS.
- ☐ Submit to chemical tests when stopped or suspected of driving while under the influence of alcohol.
- ☐ _____ of fine suspended upon completion of Alcohol Education Program.
- ☐ PARTICIPATE IN WORK ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM as directed.
- ☐ Report to the above entitled Court when ordered to do so and notify Court of any change of address within 10
days
- ☐ Make restitution by _____ in the amount of \$ _____ to
_____.
- ☐ Pay child support on District Attorney of Siskiyou County \$ _____ per month + \$ _____
on arrears commencing _____, 19 _____
- ☐ Other _____

On January 20, 1986


Judge of the Justice Court

I acknowledge that I have received and read a copy of this ORDER

Signature _____

Name _____

Address _____

CONF022985

D. GENE FINK

ATTORNEY AT LAW



February 27, 1986

Honorable Ross L. Bigler
Justice Court of Shasta Valley
[Redacted]
Weed, CA 96094

RE: William Burke Cope
Case No. 30A-161

Dear Judge Bigler:

After reviewing the order of probation that was entered in the above matter, my client called my attention to the fact that it appears that the probation was for a violation of Section 272.3(a) of the Penal Code, which was in error. There is no such section in the Penal Code, and the charge was actually amended to a violation of Section 273(a)(2) of the Penal Code which provides that any person who permits such child to be placed in such situation that its person or health may be endangered is guilty of a misdemeanor.

I have discussed this matter with Charles Slote, the Siskiyou County District Attorney, and confirmed with him the amendment as I have stated it, and I would appreciate it very much if the record could be corrected and a new probation order issued reflecting the proper charge.

This is extremely important to my client because of his position as custodian with the Dorris School District. If you need anything of a more formal entry to be filed with the court, please let me know and I will do whatever is required.

Very truly yours,

GENE FINK ATTORNEY AT LAW

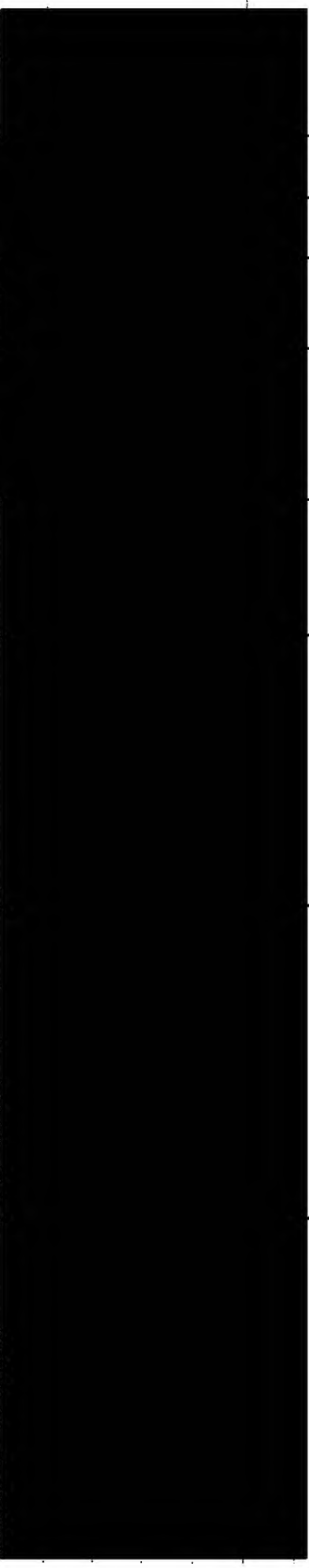
GENE FINK

GF:dm
enclosure
cc: William Cope

CONF022986

ROSTER	STATUS	CITY	STATE	COUNTY	POSTAL	DATE	6	494	1	0070	70	12/31/85
YOUTH	S	DORRIS	CA	SISKIYOU, KLAMATH								
TROOP MEETING PLACE-DORRIS HIGH SCHOOL DAY-MONDAY												
REGISTRATION TERM(MTHS) 12												

NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	BIRTH DATE	BOYS LIFE	STA-TUS	RANK
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